

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0001] beginning on page 1 of the present application with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,684,246 ~~09/322,962~~, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING CLIENTS," filed on May 28, 1999; ~~which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/118,668, entitled "COMMON DISTRIBUTED OBJECT PLATFORM," filed February 3, 1999;~~ and is related to U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,721,898 ~~09/322,455~~, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING SOFTWARE COMPONENTS," filed on May 28, 1999; U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,704,924 ~~03/922,965~~, filed May 28, 1999, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IMPLEMENTING VIRTUAL FUNCTIONS OF AN INTERFACE," filed on May 28, 1999; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,643, entitled "AUDIO VISUAL ARCHITECTURE," filed on May 28, 1999; U. S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,670,934 ~~09/322,207~~, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING ART," filed on May 28, 1999, ~~which has matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,466,234;~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,964, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING A USER INTERFACE FOR DISTRIBUTED DEVICES," filed May 28, 1999; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,852, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING SOFTWARE COMPONENTS," filed on May 28, 1999; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,457, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROPERTY NOTIFICATION," filed on May 28, 1999; and U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ No. 6,466,234 ~~09/322,459~~, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS," filed on May 28, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--